

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* Office Action dated November 9, 2006. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 15-20, 22-32 and 42.

By the present Amendment, claim 22 has been amended to properly depend on claim 19, rather than on canceled claim 21, in order to respond to the claim objections set forth in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for bringing this matter to the applicants attention. In light of this Amendment, removal of the claim objection is respectfully requested.

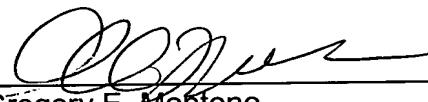
Also by the present Amendment, claims 43-48 have been canceled, without prejudice to the applicants right to proceed with filing a divisional application directed to these claims (noting that the claims have been canceled in response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of the Office Action).

Finally, by the present Amendment, claim 20 has been amended to depend on claim 22, rather than claim 19, inasmuch as claim 20 refers to step (g), which is not found in claim 19, but which is found in claim 22 (which is now dependent on claim 19). Therefore, this Amendment is requested for purposes of providing proper antecedent basis for the terminology used in claim 20. It is noted that this does not broaden the claimed subject matter, and, in fact, narrows claim 20, inasmuch as the parent claim 22 which is now being referred to, is, in fact, itself dependent on claim 19 (the previously referred to parent claim). Therefore, entry of this amendment is also respectfully requested.

If the Examiner determines that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1374.43228X00).

Respectfully submitted,
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